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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: US MUSEUM OFFICIALS

1. SES DIRECTOR AUGUST 14 HANDED AIDE-MEMOIRE (EX-31)
ON PROPOSED VISIT OF DELEGATION OF US MUSEUM OFFICIALS
(COPY BEING POUCHED) TO SOV EMB OFFICER DAVYDOV. VISIT
IS IN RETURN FOR ONE TO US IN JULY AND AUGUST BY DELE-
GATION OF FOUR SOVIET MUSEUM DIRECTORS.

2. DELEGATION COMPOSED OF FREDERICK J. CUMMINGS, ASST.
DIRECTOR, DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS; CLEMENT M. SILVESTRO,
DIRECTOR, CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY; DR. EVAN H. TURNER,
DIRECTOR, PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART; AND BARBARA WRISTON,
DIRECTOR OF MUSEUM EDUCATION, ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO.

3. DELEGATION PROPOSES TO VISIT MOSCOW, LENINGRAD, KIEV
AND OTHER CITIES FOR THREE-WEEK PERIOD COMMENCING IN
OCTOBER 1973, AND WISHES TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH
COLLECTIONS IN SOVIET MUSEUMS WITH AIM OF PROMOTING
DIRECT EXCHANGES OF ART OBJECTS BETWEEN US AND SOVIET
MUSEUMS. AIDE-MEMOIRE CONTAINS LIST OF MUSEUMS SUGGESTED
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BY DELEGATION'S SPONSOR, AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUMS,

AS DESIRABLE PLACES TO VISIT, AS FOLLOWS: MOSCOW AND
ENVIRONS: KREMLIN MUSEUMS, INCLUDING DIAMOND FUND;
PUSHKIN MUSEUM; TRETYAKOV ART GALLERY, INCLUDING BASEMENT
COLLECTION; RUBLEV MONASTERY; STATE HISTORICAL MUSEUM;

MUSEUM OF SERF ART AT OSTANKINO PALACE; MONASTERY AT
ZAGORSK; KOLOMENSKOE ESTATE MUSEUM; ABRAMTSEVO ESTATE;
AND KUSKOVO ESTATE AND MUSEUM OF CERAMICS. LENINGRAD
AND ENVIRONS: HERMITAGE, INCLUDING TREASURE ROOM OF
TSARS; PUSHKIN MUSEUM; RUSSIAN MUSEUM; PAVLOVSK PALACE
MUSEUM; AND PETRODVORETS. KIEV: RUSSIAN MUSEUM; MUSEUM
OF OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL ART; JEWELRY MUSEUM AT
PECHERSKY CAVE MONASTERY; SAINT SOFIA PRESERVE; AND
MUSEUM OF UKRAINIAN PAINTING.

4. REQUEST EMB DISCUSS PROPOSED VISIT WITH APPROPRIATE
MINCULT AND MFA OFFICIALS AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. ROGERS

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